

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Restriction - Election

Claims 1-4 and 10-17 were subject to restriction as the combination of sequences listed in SEQ ID NO: 1-23 in combination with the SEQ ID NO: 24-59 would lead to a very high number of possible permutations.

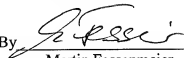
The applicant *elects without traverse* (1) the combination of *amplification primer pairs* **SEQ ID NO:1/SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:2/SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:3/SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:5/SEQ ID NO:6, SEQ ID NO:7/SEQ ID NO:8, SEQ ID NO:9/SEQ ID NO:11, SEQ ID NO:9/SEQ ID NO:13, SEQ ID NO:10/SEQ ID NO:11, and SEQ ID NO:12/SEQ ID NO:11**, and further elects (2) the *capture probes* to a *probe selected from SEQ ID NO:24 to SEQ ID NO:59*. The applicant amended the claims accordingly to reflect the elected and specific combination of primers and probes.

REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE

The applicant believes that the present claim amendments are sufficient to overcome the Examiner's concerns and believes that the claims as amended are now in condition for allowance. Therefore, the applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,
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